

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17, 19, and 20 are pending in this application. Claim 18 is canceled by the present response without prejudice.

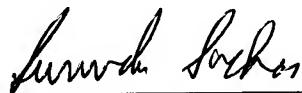
Claims 1-17, 19, and 20 are allowed and Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, which rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 18 without prejudice by the present response.

Thereby, by the present amendment only allowed Claims 1-17, 19 and 20, are pending in this application.

As only allowed claims are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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